

consolidated remuneration to all these part-time employees is being taken up by the A&N Administration in view of increase in the cost of living.

Coconut Development Board

6773. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the activities undertaken and results achieved by the Coconut Development Board during the last three years in Goa; and

(b) the action plan drawn up for development of coconut plantations in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The activities undertaken by the Coconut Development Board in Goa during the last three years include;

(i) Bringing additional area of 223 hectares under coconut; and

(ii) installation of 128 pumpsets.

(b) The action plan for development of coconut plantations in Goa for the year 1992-93 proposes to produce and distribute TxD hybrid coconut seedlings; expansion of area under coconut; and provide assistance for irrigation facilities.

Consulate of Portugal in Goa

6774. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Portugal for the opening of a Consulates of that country in Goa;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government have taken any decision on custodian property in Goa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been referred to the Goa Govt. for their views in this record.

(c) and (d). These properties are being managed by the Custodian of Evacuee Property of the Government of Goa.

Economic and Commercial Wings in Indian Missions

6775. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the role played by the economic and commercial wings of the Indian Missions abroad in promoting our commercial and economic interest;

(b) whether the officials heading such wings are specially trained and equipped for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to revamp these wings to promote actively the exports of our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The economic & commercial wings of Indian Missions abroad play an action role in promoting our commer-